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The hon Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The hon. Member's question relates to recent appointments and the answer refers to those which were made this year."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" Who was the Law Member at the time when Diwan Bahadur Sundaram Chetti was appointed as the Acting District Judge and also at the time when the recent appointments were made ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The appointment is made by Government as a whole."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" I do not know whether the hon. the Law Member feels any delicacy in the matter ; if not, will he kindly let the House know who was the Law Member in charge of this portfolio when the recent appointments were made."

Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddiyar :—" Was Mr. Sundaram Chettiyar's leave application pending when the appointments were made or was it received after that ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice."

Grant of pension for copyists.

*679 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of taking copyists into the regular service with the benefit of pension, leave, etc., and have passed any orders about the matter?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*a*) of question No. 462.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Mr. President, Sir, . . ."

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The hon. the President :—" The Parliamentary practice is within the same session questions regarding answers cannot be put. I am inclined at present to interpret Standing Order 12 (7) thus—that questions once fully answered may not be asked again. Really the office should have checked it, but on account of the numerous questions coming in, the office was not able to do it and the Member now says that it was already answered. Therefore, I have now to say that I am not inclined to allow any supplementary questions."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I make one submission, Sir ? The reference given is 462. I have got a stencil copy here. That question was :

'(*a*) whether the Government have received memorials from the copyists in some Courts of the Presidency to the effect that the recent order increasing their pay to Rs. 20 a month has not done them any good, that their pay should therefore be increased and that their appointment should be made pensionable ;

'(*b*) whether as a matter of fact all the Civil Courts copyists have been receiving more than Rs. 20 a month, except for one month during the holidays ; and

'(*c*) whether the Government have passed any and, if so, what final orders in this matter ?'

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"The answers were—

'(a) Advance copies of memorials have been received direct but none have been received yet through the District and Sessions Judges and the High Court.'

"I do not propose to read the answer to (b) as it is not relevant for my purpose.

'(c) In view of the answer to clause (a) this question does not arise.'

"Now, Sir, the question here is: whether the Government have considered the question of taking copyists into the regular service with the benefit of pension, leave, etc., and have passed any orders about the matter. There are two ways for the Government to pass orders. I speak subject to correction. It is not necessary that Government must be moved by some petition or memorial It may be that they may pass orders *suo motu* on the question The question is whether Government have, independent of memorials to which no reference is made here but is made in the other question, passed orders. If we refer to clause (a) of the previous question, the answer is that advance copies of questions have been received. But since then the final memorials may have been received. Unless you supply the lacuna, if I may respectfully say so, Government cannot be presumed to have passed orders on these memorials. On the first occasion the memorials were not received and therefore the question has not been fully answered. The memorials must have been received between the and the date of answer to this question. If so, the Government may be in a position to tell us whether they have considered the matter."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Supplemental questions may be framed."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Thank you, Sir. May I . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"By notice."

Irrigation

Report of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee.

* 680 Q.—Mr. K KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with regard to the report of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer for Irrigation or other officials concerned have reported to the Government the result of their investigation on the points referred to them by the Government, and, if so, what their opinion is;

(b) whether any geological survey has been made of the site in the Bombay Presidency suggested by the committee or other sites suitable for a reservoir and if so, what their result of the survey is; and

(c) what further steps, if any, are taken by the Government in order to give effect to the recommendations of the committee?

A.—(a) & (c) The creation of a separate Tank Restoration Scheme division for the Ceded districts is under consideration. The committee's recommendations in regard to kudimaramat and the revival of derelict tanks are under the consideration of the Board of